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BEFORE THE  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Petition of JSM Tele-Page For Designation of Each Local  
Access Transport Area (LATA) as the Local Calling Area  
for Commercial Mobile Radio Service Providers

05-TI-504

**NOTICE OF PROCEEDING  
AND  
INVESTIGATION**

Comments Due:  
**Friday, September 7, 2001-  
Noon**

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FAX Due:  
**Thursday, September 6, 2001-  
Noon**

**THIS IS A PROCEEDING** to investigate the petition of JSM Tele-Page (JSM) that the Public Service Commission (Commission) define the local calling area for all calls originated by local exchange telecommunications companies and terminated by Commercial Mobile Radio Service (CMRS) providers as the entire Local Access and Transport Area (LATA).<sup>1</sup>

In a Petition filed on July 16, 2001, JSM argues that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has declared the Major Trading Area as the definition of local calling for CMRS traffic for purposes of reciprocal compensation.<sup>2</sup> JSM suggests that the LATA is a practical substitute for the MTA given restrictions on interLATA transport still applicable to regional Bell operating companies (such as Ameritech). JSM contends that the designation of the LATA as the local calling area for the termination of landline-to-wireless calls will save scarce numbering resources (NXX codes within area codes) because the CMRS providers will need to obtain fewer NXX codes to provide "local" terminations for their customers, will give CMRS dialing parity for calls placed to wireless end users, and will eliminate alleged anti-competitive impacts of requiring CMRS providers to use local exchange company wire centers as their local calling area.

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<sup>1</sup> A copy of the JSM petition may be obtained from the Commission.

<sup>2</sup> 11 FCC Rcd 15499 (1996), *Implementation of Local Competition in the Telecommunications Act of 1996*.

The Commission will investigate this petition pursuant to Wis. Stat. ch 196. Comments should address the merits of the JSM proposal including policy implications and impacts on the public interest. Information about cost impacts and administrative and operational issues that arise relative to such a local calling scope proposal for CMRS terminated calling is also invited. Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 196.202, CMRS providers are not subject to Commission jurisdiction with limited exception. JSM suggests the Commission has the authority to issue a local calling area directive pursuant to Wis. Stat. ch. 196 and FCC rules in 47 C.F.R § 51.701(b) regarding the unique calling needs of CMRS.<sup>3</sup> The Commission requests that comments filed in this proceeding address the issue of jurisdiction.

The Commission requests comments on the above issues. Any party who desires to file comments should submit an **original and 15 copies** as indicated in the box on page 1. Members of the public need only file an original. These comments must be received by **noon on Friday, September 7, 2001**. Comments by fax are due one day earlier. Fax filing cover sheets must state **“Official Filing”** and include the docket number and the number of pages (limit of 20 pages). File by one mode only.

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Questions regarding this matter may be directed to docket coordinator Gary A. Evenson at (608) 266-6744.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, \_\_\_\_\_

By the Commission:

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Lynda L. Dorr  
Secretary to the Commission

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<sup>3</sup> 47 C.F.R §§ 51.701(b) reads

Local telecommunications traffic. For purposes of this subpart, local telecommunications traffic means:

(1) Telecommunications traffic between a Local Exchange Carrier (LEC) and a telecommunications carrier other than a CMRS provider that originates and terminates within a local service area established by the state commission; or

(2) Telecommunications traffic between a LEC and a CMRS provider that, at the beginning of the call, originates and terminates within the same Major Trading Area, as defined in Sec. 24.202(a) of this chapter.